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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2006, Applicants submit a Petition and a fee for one month extension of time, and the following Amendment:

Listing of claims begins at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.

Replacement Sheets for Drawings are submitted herewith.

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Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Bunn in view of Carroll et al., (U.S. Patent No. 5,906,744).

Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that the rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

As discussed, *supra*, Bunn does not disclose or suggest the claimed invention. The addition of Carroll does not overcome this deficiency. Carroll only discusses various amplification techniques. The combination does not suggest a method that make it simple to accurately measure the amount of target DNA in a biological sample as claimed. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 8 were objected to as being substantial duplicates of at least one embodiment of claim 1. The amendment to claim 4 has obviated this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable action is requested. Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney should she have questions regarding the application.

In the event that any additional fees are required, the PTO is authorized to charge our deposit account No. 50-0850.

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